



CONGRESSMAN

**MIKE ROGERS**

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*Veterans Update*

■ **Congress Boosts Veterans' Benefits**

Last month, Congress presented veterans with a good reason for holiday cheer, having approved S.2486, which would provide increased compensation for disabled veterans and allocate an extra \$250 per month to survivors considered as dependents (spouses and children under 18 years of age) for a two-year period. This measure would also offer assistance for on-the-job training programs established in the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Additionally, the measure would increase the maximum loan available to veterans for a single-family home, and also protects the service member's family allowing deployed service members to terminate their leases.

■ **Rogers Speaks at Veterans Day Ceremonies**

Congressman Mike Rogers spoke at the dedication ceremony for the "Wall of Honor" in Auburn Hills on November 11, 2004. The memorial stands in recognition of the sacrifices and contributions that Michigan veterans have made.

Following the dedication ceremony in Auburn Hills, Congressman Rogers continued to visit with Michigan veterans at the Shiawassee County Veterans Day Parade where he spoke to a crowd in Perry about the importance of recognizing the selfless service all America's men and women who serve in uniform make to defend our freedoms.